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ARTICLES
The tenour of the Oath to be mini-
stred to the Church-wardens and
Sworne-men.

YOU shall sweare, that all affection, fauour, hatred,
hope of reward and gaine, or feare of displeasure, or
malice set aside, you shall vpon due consideration of the
Articles giuen you in charge, present all and euery such
person of, or within your Parish, as hath committed any
offence mentioned in these, or any of these Articles, or
which are vehemently suspected, or defamed of any such
offence : wherein you shall discharge your consciences
vp-rightly, and according to truth, neither of malice pre-
sented any contrary to truth, nor of corrupt affection spa-
ring to present any, and so conceale the truth : hauing in
this action God before your eyes, with an earnest zeale to
maintaine truth and suppress vice. So helpe you God, and
by the Contents of this Booke.

God saue the King.



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Primis, Whether haue you in your Booke of Ca-
seuerall Churches and Chappels, the nons.
booke of Constitutions; or Canons Ec-
clesiasticall, ready to be read by your
Minister, according to his Maiesties
pleasure, published by his Highnesse
authority, vnder the great Seale of
England: and whether hath your Mi-
nister, read the same; or any part thereof vpon Sundales and
Holidais in the afternone befoze Diuine Service according-
ly, yea or not?

2 Item, whether is there any in your Parish, that doth im- Articles of
pugne any of the Articles of Religion, agreed vpon in Anno Religion.
1562, and established in the Church of England?

3 Item, whether doth your Minister ble to pray for the
Kings Maiestie, King James, Prince Charles, Fredericke the
Prince Elector Palatine, with the Lady Elizabeth his wife,
and all their royall Progeny, with addition of such title and ti-
tles, as are due and appertaining to his Maiestie, and exhort
the people to obedience to his Highnesse: And whether doth
he pray for the Lords of his Maiesties most Honourable
Counsell, and for all other Magistrates being in authority
vnder him?

4 Item, whether doth he pray for the Ministers of Gods
holy Word and Sacraments, aswell Arch-Bishops and Bi-
shops, as other Pastors and Curates?

5 Item whether is there any in your parish, that impugne the
neth; or speaketh against the Rites and Ceremonies establi- Impugne the
shed in the Church of England, or the lawfull ble of them: Rites or Ce-
monies.
pon shall present their names.

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Impugne the
Church go-
uernment.

6 Item, are there any in your parish that doe impugn the government of the church of England, vnder the Kings most excellent Maiestie by Arch-bishops, Bishops, Deanes, Archdeacons, and the rest that beare office in the same; affirming that the same is Antichristian or repugnant to the word of God?

Prophaning
the Sabbath.

7 Item, whether any persons haue lurked and tippled in Tauerne or Ale-houses on Sundaies or other Holdaies, or vsed his or their manuell craft or trade vpon the said daies, or otherwise prophaned them, or any of them, in any sort, and especially in the time of Diuine Seruice?

Prescript
forme of Di-
uine Seruice.

8 Item, whether is the prescript forme of diuine Seruice vsed by your Minister vpon Sundaies and Holdaies, accord-
ding to the booke of common Praier: and whether doth your Minister duely obserue all the orders, rites, and ceremonies prescribed in the said booke of common Praier, as well in reading publike prayers, the Letany, as also in administering the Sacraments in such manner and forme as in the booke of common Praier is intoynd?

Brawling in
Church or
Church-yard.

9 Item, whether hath any person in your parish quarrelled or stricken, or vsed any violence vnto, or with your Minister, or any other in your Church or church-yard, or vsed himselfe disorderly in the Church, by filthy and prophane talke, or any other rude and immodest behauiour?

Reuerence in
time of diuine
Seruice.

10 Item, whether is that due reuerence and humble submission vsed within your church or chappell in the time of diuine seruice, as by the 18. Constitution is prescribed: whe-
ther each one in the church or chappell doe apply and order himselfe there in time of diuine Seruice as by the latter part of the same Constitution is most commendably intoynd?

Bread and
Wine at the
Communion.

11 Item, whether the Church-wardens doe prouide against every Communion, with the aduice of the Minister, a suffici-
ent quantitie of fine white bread, and of good and wholesome wine for the number of the communicants that shall receiue, and that to be brought in a cleane and sweet standing pot of pewter or of other pure metall?

Ministring &
receiuing of
the Commu-
nion.

12 Item, whether doth your Minister administer the holy Communion so often, and at such time, as that enery parish-
oner may receiue the same at least thrice in enery yere, where-
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of once at Easter, as by the booke of Common Prayer is appointed: and whether doth your Minister receive the same himselfe on every day, before that he administred it to others, and be the words of the institution according to the booke at every time that the bread or wine is renewed, in such manner and forme, as by the promise of the 21. Canon is directed, or wherein he is faultie: and whether is warning given by him before hand for the communion, as the 22. Canon requireth?

13 Whether doth your Minister administer the said Communion to any that doth not humbly kneele at the receiving of the same? what are the names of them that refuse to kneele at the receiving thereof?

Knelling at
the Communion.

14 Item, whether hath your Minister admitted any notorious offenders or schismatickes to the Communion, contrary to the 26. and 27. Constitutions?

Offenders
not to be admitted.

15 Item, whether the Minister together with the Churchwardens and Questmen, doe take diligent heed and care, not only that all and every your owne parishioners doe receive thrice in every yere as aforesaid, but also that no strangers of any other Parish doe come often and commonly to your Church from their owne parish Church: and you are now to present the names of all those, who being sirtene yeres of age or bywards, haue not in their owne Parish received the Communion, at or since Easter last.

No strangers
to be admitted.

16 Item, whether doth your Minister use to signe the children with the signe of the Crosse when they are baptized, according to the booke of Common Prayer: and whether he hath deferred, or wilfully refused to baptize any infant in his Parish being in danger, having bene duely informed of the weaknesse thereof: and whether the childe hath died in his default without baptism: or whether hath he at any time refused or neglected to burie the dead, or to minister the Sacrament of the Lords Supper to any being in extremity of sicknesse, having bene required thereunto?

Signe of the
Crosse.
Refuse to
Baptize.

17 Item, whether is your Minister continually resident with you upon his Benefice, or for how long time hath he bin absent: and where is he resident for the most part, and what other Benefice hath he?

Residencia.

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- Preaching according to the Canons. 18 Item, whether doth your Minister preach usually, according to the constitutions, either in his owne Cure with you, or else in some other Church or Chappell nere adioynning, where no Preacher is: or how oft hath he bene negligent in that behalfe?
- More Cures than one. 19 Item, whether doth your Minister or Curate serue any moze Cures than one: if yea, then what other Cure doth he serue?
- Licensed to preach. 20 Item, if your Minister be not licensed to preach, whether doth he take vpon him to expound the Scriptures, either in his owne Cure or elsewhere?
- None to preach but licensed. 21 Item, whether hath any person bene admitted to preach within your church or chappell, but such as you haue well knowne to be sufficiently licensed?
- Preachers to read Seruice, &c. twice a yere. 22 Item, whether doth your Lecturer and Preacher, your Parson or Vicar, read diuine seruice, and administer the Sacraments in his owne person twice every yere, obseruing all the ceremonies in the booke of Common praier established?
- Not to refuse the Communion because the Minister is no Preacher. 23 Item, is there any in your Parish that refuse to haue their children baptized, or themselves to receiue the Communion at the hands of your Minister, because he is no Preacher? you shall present their names. And if your Minister, sithence the publishing of the said Booke of Canons, hath receiued any such persons (being not of his owne Cure) to the Communion, or baptized any of their children, you shall likewise present him.
- 24 Item, whether are there any priuate meetings, assemblies, or conuenticles, either by day or by night, vsed or had within the Parish by any Minister, or Ministers, or any Laypersons tending to faction and schisme: Declare the parties names, the places where, the times when, and how often haue you knowne any such meetings, assemblies, or conuenticles?
- Surplice, Hood, &c. 25 Item, whether doth your Minister weare the Surplice whilst he is saying the publike praiers, and ministring the Sacraments: and if he be any Graduate, whether then doth he also weare vpon his Surplice, during the times aforesaid, such a hood as by the order of his Vniuersity is agreeable to his degree?

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26 Item, whether doth your Minister on every Sunday and Holiday before Evening prayer for halfe an houre or more, examine and instruct the youth and ignorant persons of his parish, in the Ten Commandements, Articles of Beliefe, and in the Lords Prayer, as also in the Catechisme, set forth in the Booke of common Prayer: and whether dos all Fathers, Mothers, Masters, and Mistresses, cause their children, servants and apprentices, to come thither to heare, and to be instructed and taught therein: and those that do not their duties herein, you shall present their names.

Catechize.

27 Item, whether hath your Minister, without license from the Archbishop, the Bishop of the Diocese, or his Chancelor, solemnized mariage betwixt any parties, the banes not being thre severall Sundaies or Holidais first published in time of Divine Service, in the severall churches or chappels of their severall abode, according to the Booke of Common Prayer, and that also betwixt the houres of eight and twelve in the forenone: and furthermore, whether hath your Minister since the last Canons published, solemnized any mariage betwixt any persons, being vnder the age of one and twenty yeres, although the banes be thre asked, before such time as the parents have made knowne unto him their consent thereunto: and whether hath he married any of another Diocese, who are they, and by what authority, and when?

Unlawfull solemnization of mariage.

28 Item, whether your Minister doth every Sunday bid Holidais, and fasting daies, as by the Booke of Common Prayer is appointed?

Bid Holidais and fasting daies.

29 Item, whether doth your Minister every six moneths, denounce in his Parish all such of his Parish, as doe perseuere in the sentence of excommunication, not seeking to be absolved: and whether hath he admitted into the Church, any person excommunicate, without a certificate of his absolution from the Ordinary, or his Substitute?

Denounce excommunicate persons.

30 Item, whether your Parson Vicar or Curate, hath celebrated and said divine Service and prayers in the Church, when any person that he knew to be excommunicated, or denounced for an excommunicate person, was present in the same Church?

Excommunicated persons not to be present at public prayer in the Church.

31 Item, whether your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, of any your

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publishing of excommunication or suspensions. your churches or chappels, hauing receiued any excommunication, suspension or aggrauation from his Ordinary, or his Substitute against any of their Parishioners, haue presumed to make stay of, and not published such excommunication, suspension or aggrauation, according to the tenor thereof, the next Sunday or Holiday after the receipt of the same in your church or chappell at the time of diuine seruice: if any be faulty herein, present their names, and how oft default hath bene made in that behalfe :

Visite the sick. 32 Item, whether is your Minister painfull in visiting the sick, according to the Booke of common Prayer :

Fauourer of Recusants. 33 Item, whether is your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, suspected to frequent, or to be ouer-conuersant with, or a fauourer of Recusants, whereby he is suspected not to be sincere in Religion :

Lay-persons executing the office of a Minister in the Church. 34 Item, hath any presumed to execute the office of a Minister or Deacon in any your churches, and to say and celebrate the diuine seruice there, or to serue the Cure of your Parish, not being a Minister or Deacon : and whether any Deacon hath presumed to minister the Sacraments in any your Churches, not hauing first receiued the full Orders of Priesthood : if yea, present what his name is, where he dwelleth, and how often he hath offended herein :

Register booke. 35 Item, whether is there in your church or chappell one parchment Register Booke provided for Christnings, Marriages and Burials : and whether is the same duely and exactly kept according to the Constitutions in that behalfe provided :

Decency in apparell. 36 Item, whether doth your Minister vse such decency and comelinecke in his apparell, as by the 74. Constitution is enioyned :

Schoolmaster. 37 Item, doth any take vpon him to teach Schole in your parish, without speciall licence of his Ordinary : and whether doth your Schoolmaster bring his schollers to the Church to heare diuine seruice and Sermons : and whether doth he instruct them in the Catechisme :

Common Praier booke, &c. 38 Item, whether haue you provided the Booke of common Prayer, and the Bible of the new Translation lately set forth by his Maiesties authoritie, and the Booke of Homilies: and

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and whether have you in your Church or Chappell a Font of stone set up in the ancient vsuall place, a convenient and decent Communion Table, with a carpet of silke, or some other decent stuffe, and a faire linnen cloth to lay thereon at the Communion time: and whether is the same Table then placed in such convenient sort within the Chancell, or Church, as that the Minister may be best heard in his prayer and administration, and that the greater number may communicate: and whether are the Ten Commandments set upon the East end of your Church or Chappell, where the people may best see and read them, and other sentences of holy Scriptures written on the walls also for that purpose?

39 Item, whether have you a convenient seat for your Minister to read service in, together with a comely Pulpit set up in a convenient place, with a decent cloth or cushion for the same: a comely large Surplice, a faire Communion cup of gold, silver, or other pure metall, and cover agreeable for the same, with all other things and ornaments necessarie for the celebration of Divine Service, and administration of the Sacraments?

Things necessary for divine Service.

40 Item, whether are your Church or Chappels, with the Chancels thereof, and your Parsonage or Vicarage house, and all other housing thereto belonging, in good reparations, and decent and comely kept, as well within as without, the seats well maintained, a sure coffer with three locks and keyes, for the safe keeping of your Register booke, your Church-yards well fenced and kept without abuse: if not, then through whose default, and what defects are they rein?

Reparation of the Church, Parsonage-house, &c.

41 Item, whether doe you know, or have heard of any legacie by any mans will, or any gift otherwise given to the poore, to the Church, or any other holy uses, and not performed or bestowed according to his will and gift, and in whose hands the same doth now remaine?

Gifts given to the use of the Church.

42 Item, how many inhabitants within your parish, men or women, above 16. yeeres of age, be Popish Recusants, or doe refuse to frequent Divine Service established by publicke authoritie of this Realme, or to receive the holy Communion, what be their names, and of what degree, state or trade of life are they? you are to present them all of both sorts.

Recusants.

43 Item, how long the said Popish Recusants have obstinately abstained either from divine service, or from the Communion, as is aforesaid: whether any long time, or only since his Majesties raigne?

How long they have bin Recusants.

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Whether the Minister seeks to reclaime the Recusants. 44 Item, whether is your Minister a Preacher sufficiently qualified: and if he be, whether doth he from time to time offer quiet and temperate conference to reclaime the Popish Recusants from their errors: and whether they, or any of them doe refuse such conference with your Minister, or any other Preacher, who shall present unto them his diligence in that behalf:

Excommunicate persons.

45 Item, what persons aforesaid within your Parish, either for the offence aforesaid, or for any other contumacie or crime, doe remaine excommunicate, what be their names, and for what cause, and how long haue they so stood excommunicate?

Church-wardens & Side-men.

46 Item, whether were you the Church-wardens and Quest-men chosen by the consent of the Minister and Parishioners: and whether haue the Church-wardens before you, given vp a iust account for their time, and delivered to you their successors whatsoeuer monney, or other things of right belonging to the Church, that was in their hands: and whether doe you, and euery of you diligently see, that all the Parishioners doe drely resort to their Church euery Sunday and Holiday, and there continue the whole time of Divine Service, and none to walke or stand idle, or talking in the Church or Church porch, or Church-yard, during that time: and whether doe all the Parishioners and their families accordingly frequent their Parish Church, and there behaue themselves soberly, attentively, and decently, all the time of Divine Service, yea, or no: if no, then you shall present their names.

All resort to Church, and receiue thrice a yeere.

47 Item, whether doe all persons aboue the age of sixteen yeres, usually resort to heare diuine service vpon Sundais and Holidayes appointed: and whether hath each one of your Parishioners (being aboue the age of sixteen yeres aforesaid) receiued the Holy Communion thrice this last yere, and chiefly once at Easter last, in your Parish Church kneeling: if no, then you shall present their names which haue not so done.

Parish Clarke

48 Item, whether haue you a fit Parish Clarke, aged twentie yeres at least, of honest conversation, and sufficient for reading and writing: and whether he be paid his wages without fraud, according to the most ancient custome of your Parish: if not, then by whom is he so defrauded and denied: and whether he be chosen by the Parson, or Vicar, or by whom?

Table for Marring.

49 Item, whether haue any in your Parish bene married within the prohibited degrees, forbidden by the Law of God, and

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and expressed in a certaine Table, published by authoritie in the yere 1553. if yea, then shall you present their names, and whether haue you the said Table publickly set vp in your Church, and fastned to some conuenient place there?

50 Item, whether doth any heretofore diuorced, keepe ^{Persons di-} companie with any other at bed and at board, what be their ^{uorced.} names, when and where were they married?

51 Item, doth your Minister vse the forme of thanksgining to women after childbirth: and whether hath he admitted any thereunto that was begotten with childe in adulterie, or fornication, without licence of his Ordinary? And whether haue any married wiues refused to come to Church according to the Booke of Common Prayer, to giue God thanks after child birth, in such vsuall and decent manner, as anciently hath bene accustomed? if any be faultie herein, you shall present their names.

52 Item, whether haue you any in your parish, to your knowledge, or by common fame and report, which haue committed adulterie, fornication, or incest, which haue not bene publickly purged to your knowledge: if yea, then with whom: or any man that hath attempted the chastitie of any woman, or hath solicited any woman, to the intent to haue the carnall knowledge of her body, or any in your parish to be Waluers, or receiuers of any such persons, or suspected of any the crimes aforesaid: are there any that are, or by common fame and report are reputed and taken to be such persons, or be common drunkards, blasphemers of Gods holy name, common & vsuall sweaters, filthy speakers, vsurers, Symoniacall persons, fighters, brawlers, or quarrellers in Church, or Churchyard: you shall not faile to present their names.

53 Item, whether haue any in your parish receiued or harboured any woman begotten with childe out of wedlock, and suffered them to depart againe without punishment first inflicted on them by their Ordinary: you shall truly present as well the party harbouring, as harboured, and who is suspected to be the father of her childe?

54 Item, whether are there in your parish any Wills not yet proued: you shall not faile to present the Executors, and all others faultie and culpable therein.

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- Witches, and
such like. 55 Item, whether you know in any your Parishes and
Witches, Southsayers, Coniurers, Charmers, Sozcerers,
or any that be suspected for such persons: present their names,
and what speciall hurt they haue committed.
- Hospitals, and
Almeshouses. 56 Item, whether there be any Hospitals or Almeshouses
in your parish, and whether the same be used, kept, & ordered
according to the foundations, lawes, and statutes thereof, and
in whom the fault is that they are not so used and kept?
- Perambula-
tion. 57 Item, whether your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, both
usually every yere in the Rogation weeke, goe with the Pari-
shioners in the perambulations about the parish, according to
the custome and vse of ancient time, and both say the prayers
and suffrages appointed for the same?
- Fift of August
to be kept
Holiday. 58 Item, whether is the fift day of August (being the day
of the Kings Maiesties most happy deliuerance from the trai-
terous and bloody attempt of the Earle Gowry, and his bro-
ther, with their adherents) obserued and kept festiuall within
your parish, with prayer and thanksgiving, and with cessation
from labour, as by publike authority it is appointed: and
whether haue you in your parish the booke published by autho-
ritie, which containeth the forme of prayer with thanksgiving
appointed for that day: and whether is the first day of Nouem-
ber obserued and kept festiuall, as by a speciall act of Parlia-
ment in that case provided, is appointed?
- Gun. powder
Treason,
Nouemb. 5. 59 For you know of any other matter of Ecclesiasticall
cognizance worthy the presentment in your iudgement, which
you hold fit to be reformed: if you doe, you shall likewise pre-
sent the same by vertue of your Oathes aforesaid.

FINIS.